

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION 500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

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Wednesday, March 14, 2012 9:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (12-1224)

Attachments: AUDIO

Present: President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Secretary Vasquez and

Commissioner Lee

Absent: Commissioner Barger

Call to Order. (12-1164)

The meeting was called to order by President Afriat at 9:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Afriat.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of February 29, 2012. (12-1166)

On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Secretary Vasquez, this item was approved.

Ayes: 4 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Secretary

Vasquez and Commissioner Lee

Attachments: SUPPORTING DOCUMENT

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Hearing on application for Private School Business License ID #138816, to issue a new business license to Susan A. Cameron for Muse School CA located at 1666 Las Virgenes Canyon Rd., Calabasas, CA 91302 in the Third District. (12-1155)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that Muse School (School) was previously approved by the Commission for a business license at a different location. The School has since relocated which requires the owner to apply for a site transfer. The applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals; TTC has no objections to the issuance of the license.

Patrick Dunn, representative for Susan Cameron, owner of Muse School explained that the lease for the previous location had expired and the new location has a long term lease providing a more permanent site for the School.

The student enrollment has increased from 50 to 70 students with the new location; the intention is to further increase the enrollment. The School has three buses for transporting students to and from school. There is a full time security guard on the premises.

Mr. Dunn stated that he is Chief Financial Officer of the School and is a member of the School's Non-Profit Board.

On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Vice President Campbell, the Commission approved the aforementioned license.

Ayes: 4 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Secretary Vasquez and Commissioner Lee

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3. Hearing on application for Massage Parlor-General Business License ID# 138820, to issue a new license to Michelle Su, owner of Seven Wholen, Inc. located at 18958 Daisetta St. #103, Rowland Heights, CA 91748 in the Fourth District. (12-1137)

President Afriat disclosed the following to the applicant:

- 1. Concern over the Department of Regional Planning's process of requesting a signed affidavit from Massage Parlor applicants that indicates all technicians at the location hold a state license.
- 2. Massage Parlors and Massage Technicians that are state licensed have the right to operate in Los Angeles County and do not require a County license.
- 3. If the applicant employs only state licensed technicians, you may

withdraw your application and work with the Treasurer and Tax Collector on potentially receiving a partial refund.

Cristina Hernandez, TTC informed the Commission that Assembly Bill 619 (AB 619) was effective January 1, 2012. The bill indicates that Massage Parlors that employ only state licensed technicians are not required to obtain any local licensing; however local agencies are responsible for the code enforcement.

Discussion ensued over the refunding of licensing fees to applicants that withdraw their County Business License application in light of the new legislation.

Cristina Hernandez clarified that technicians with state certification are able to practice throughout the state whereas, a County license is only applicable to the licensed location. If the County licensee chooses to practice at a different site then a license for the new location must be obtained.

Commissioner Lee asked the applicant if she would like to proceed with the hearing based on the information provided.

Michelle Su, owner of Seven Wholen, Inc. through her interpreter, Tony Dong stated that she understands President Afriat's statement and chooses to proceed with the Business License hearing.

Ms. Su stated that there are currently five State Licensed technicians employed at the location offering foot and body massage.

Alice Wong, Department of Regional Planning explained that the affidavit was signed prior to AB 619 becoming effective and the conditions stated in the affidavit are no longer applicable. DRP no longer requires applicants sign the affidavit.

Ms. Su stated that a fire extinguisher has been mounted on the wall as recommended by the Fire Department. The hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., Sunday through Saturday.

President Afriat explained that the location is only allowed to practice foot massage due to lack of a bath tub and shower and if she decides to install these items the license would need to be amended.

Ms. Su confirmed that she understands this stipulation.

On motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Secretary Vasquez, the Commission approved the aforementioned license to practice foot massage only.

Ayes: 4 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Secretary Vasquez and Commissioner Lee

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4. Hearing on application for Massage Parlor-General Business License ID# 138808, to issue a new license to Jialai Cao, SH Cao's International Enterprise, Inc., owner of Qianlixing Acupuncture Clinic located at 19073-75 E. Colima Rd., Rowland Heights, CA 91748 in the Fourth District. (12-1153)

Jialai Cao, owner of Qianlixing Acupuncture Clinic through his interpreter, Tony Dong stated that he understands President Afriat's statement regarding state licensing discussed under Agenda Item 3 and chooses to proceed with the Business License hearing.

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC) reported that the application is being handled by the Sheriff's Department and the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals.

Mr. Cao stated that he currently employs five state certified technicians. He confirmed that he is aware that the location allows practicing foot massage only due to lack of a bath tub and shower and that the affidavit he signed for the Department of Regional Planning is no longer applicable due to Assembly Bill 619.

On motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Vice President Campbell, the Commission approved the aforementioned license to practice foot massage only.

Ayes: 4 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Secretary

Vasquez and Commissioner Lee

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Barger

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President Afriat called agenda item 6 before 5.

5. Hearing on application for Massage Parlor-General/SC for the City of Santa Clarita Business License ID# 138789, to issue a new license to Chompunuch Suter, owner of Healing Power of Touch located at 26111 Bouquet Canyon Rd., Suite B6, Santa Clarita, CA 91350 in the Fifth District. (12-1138)

Chompunuch Suter, owner of Healing Power of Touch confirmed that she understands President Afriat's statement regarding state licensing discussed under Agenda Item 3 and chooses to proceed with the Business License hearing.

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals and the City of Santa Clarita has no objection to the issuance of the business license.

Ms. Suter stated that her massage technicians are all state certified and the hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., seven days a week. The location offers different types of massage. Ms. Suter confirmed that she is familiar with the code requirements for massage technicians.

On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Secretary Vasquez, the Commission approved the aforementioned license.

Ayes: 4 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Secretary Vasquez and Commissioner Lee

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6. Hearing on application for Massage Parlor-General Business License ID# 138565, to issue a new license to Harvey Yaoter Huang, owner of Happy Feet Health Center located at 19251 Colima Rd., Rowland Heights, CA 91748 in the Fourth District. (12-1134)

Harvey Huang, owner of Happy Feet Health Center confirmed that he understands President Afriat's statement regarding state licensing discussed under Agenda Item 3 and chooses to proceed with the Business License hearing.

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC) reported that the application is being handled by the Sheriff's Department and the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals. There are no objections to the issuance of the license.

Mr. Huang stated that he currently employs four state certified technicians

and the hours of operation are Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 pm and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

On motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Vice President Campbell, the Commission approved the aforementioned license.

Ayes: 4 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Secretary Vasquez and Commissioner Lee

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III. REPORT

7. Commissioners' Comments. (12-1167)

The Commission reviewed the calendar for March 2012. The Commission agreed to cancel the meeting of March 21, 2012. The next meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2012.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Public Comment

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Committee. (12-1168)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

9. Adjournment for the meeting of March 14, 2012. (12-1169)

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.